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1. The Banhida power station near Tatabanya is located about 60 meters south of the Eroemue stop on the Tatabanya - Papa railroad line. To the south and southeast, the installation bordered on a lake. Prior to its nationalization, the power station was allegedly owned by a joint Hungarian - British company. The power station was equipped with four model "BW" boilers designed for an operating pressure of 42 atmospheres and lump coal-firing, and four turbines with an aggregate capacity of about 170,000 kw.

2. Coal arrived at the power station by means of a railway from Mine No XV, southeast of Tatabanya. About 50 percent of the current produced at the installation was furnished to Budapest, 25 percent to the Dorog Mine, and the remaining 25 percent to the grid of the Hungarian power system.

3. Manager of the power station was Jozsef Ricu, a former miner. The installation had a work force of about 450 men working in three shifts.

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